



UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.ucasd.org

107 Concord Street
Union City, Pennsylvania 16438

(814) 438-3804
Fax: (814) 438-2030

Joan M. Quickle
Director of Curriculum/Special Programs
jquickle@ucasd.org

Matthew W. Bennett
Superintendent
mbennett@ucasd.org

Tara L. Lineman
Business Manager
tlineman@ucasd.org

August 28, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Appeal of FY 2018 E-rate Funding Request Denial
CC Docket No. 02-6

Contact:

Name of School or Library: Union City Area School District
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 125572
Contact Name, Title: Tara Lineman, Business Manager
107 Concord Street
Union City, PA 16438
PH: 814.438.3804 ext 5450
E-mail: tlineman@ucasd.org

FY 2018 Form 471 Application #: 181028973
FRN: 1899055146

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to overturn the denial of our FY 2018 E-rate funding request.

Summary: The District made an error on the Form 471 which resulted in our denial. There was no competitive bidding violation as the denial states.

Details: On April 21, 2018, USAC denied our E-rate funding request for Internet Access because no Form 470 was submitted for FY 2018 and the District indicated it was for a MTM service. Specifically, the reason for the denial was:

"DR1:A FCC Form 470 was not posted for requested tariff or month-to-month services for Funding Year FY2018. FCC Rules require that requested tariff or month-to-month services be posted on a FCC Form 470 each Funding Year."

The District immediately appealed the denial to USAC and that appeal was denied on August 7, 2018 for the same reason. Upon contacting our State E-rate Coordinator, she explained that the denials should

never have happened as the District made a clerical error on the Form 471, not a Form 470 or competitive bidding violation.

On the Form 471, we accidentally listed the service as a MTM service, not a contracted service. The EPC system was therefore looking for a FY 2018 Form 470. In actuality, we signed a 3-year contract for Internet Access, which is why we did not post a new Form 470 in FY 2018. A copy of that contract is attached. The correct Form 470 from FY 2017 was 170051313.

We now realize that we made a mistake on our FY 2018 Form 471 and checked the MTM box instead of the Contract box. Had we checked the Contract box and selected the Contract Record that showed the 3-year contract, PIA would not have denied this funding request.

In light of this clerical error made on our Form 471, we respectfully request that the FCC overturn the USAC denial and grant our FY 2018 Internet funding request. There was no competitive bidding violation and we followed all of the required steps in the rules, but simply made an error in the EPC Form 471.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Lineman
Business Manager